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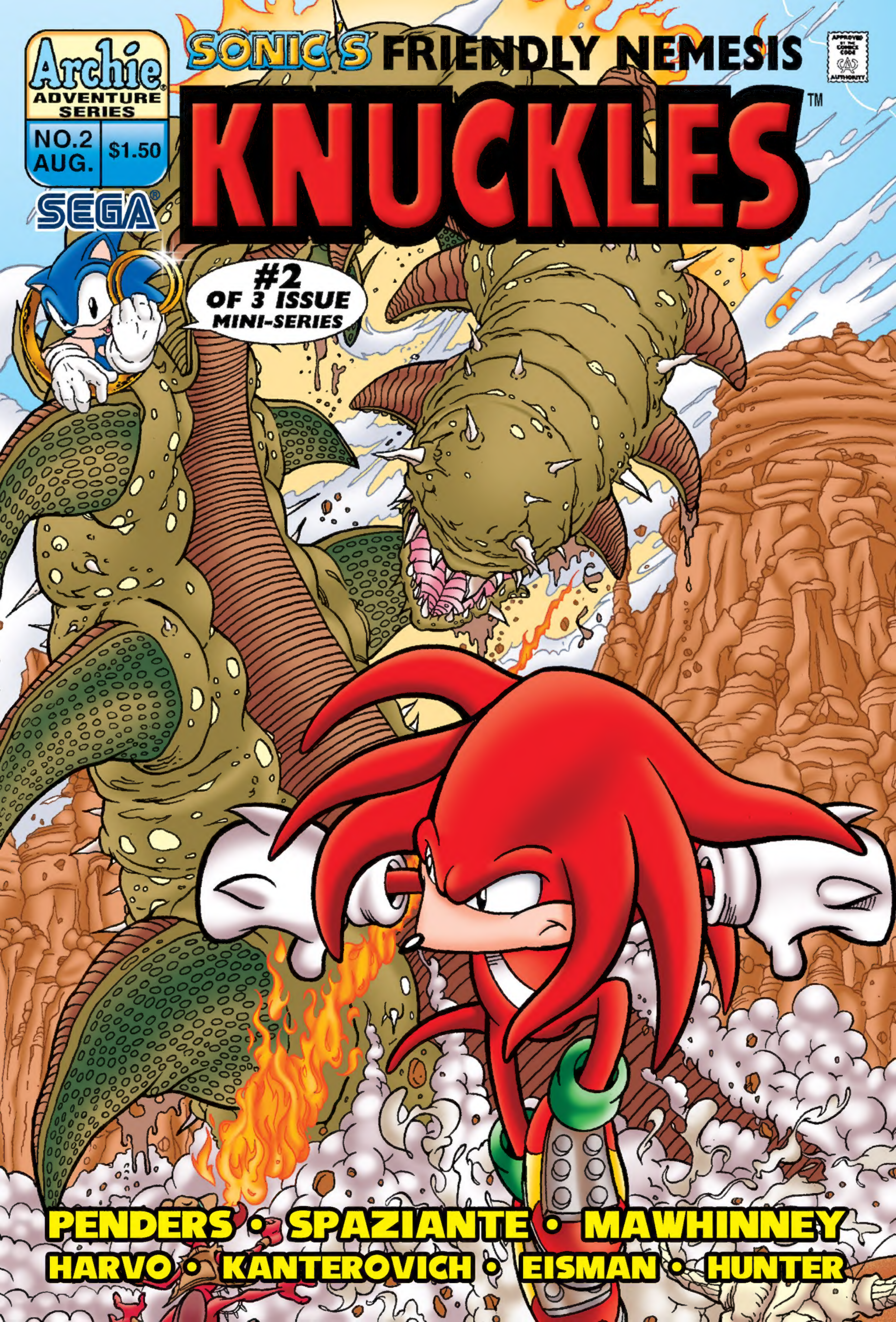
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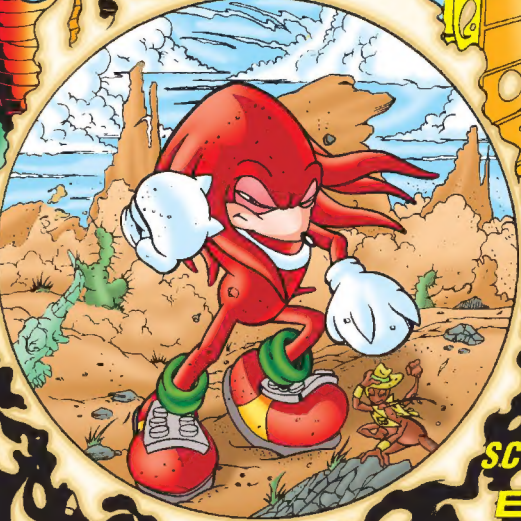


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**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--WITH GREAT
RELUCTANCE--PRESENTS HIS FRIENDLY
NEMESIS**

KNUCKLES™

**...AND THE ECHIDNA'S RELUCTANT
TRAVELLING COMPANION, ARCHIMEDES...**



**...AS THEY
CONFRONT
A MENACE
FROM THE
FLOATING
ISLAND'S
PAST--THE
RENEGADE
SCIENTIST CALLED
ENERJAK!**



Knuckles' ancestral heritage was one of DUTY and HONOR... or so he'd been led to believe.

But today, a threat to the FLOATING ISLAND – and all existence – has unveiled the DARK SIDE of ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION.

His role as GUARDIAN of the CHAOS EMERALD – long thought the noblest of callings – is, in truth, atonement for the treachery of an ancestor who dared place HIMSELF above the GREATER GOOD.

That ancestor – the renegade Echinidna scientist named DIMITRI – has survived a thousand years of imprisonment beneath MOUNT FATE, and returned to work his evil will as ENERJAK, HARBINGER OF CHAOS!

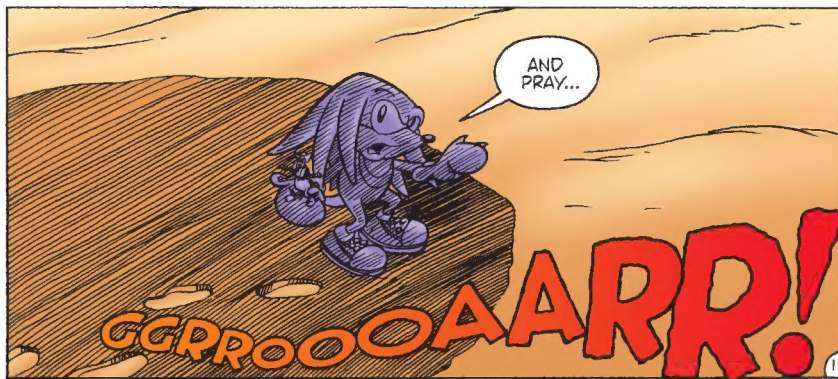
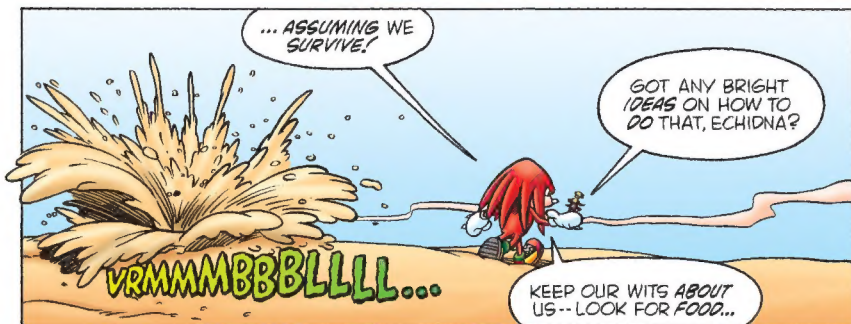
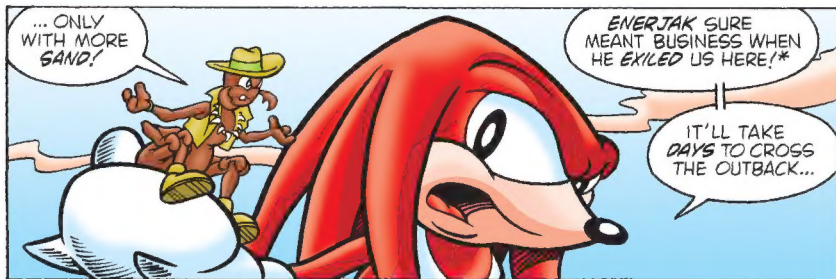
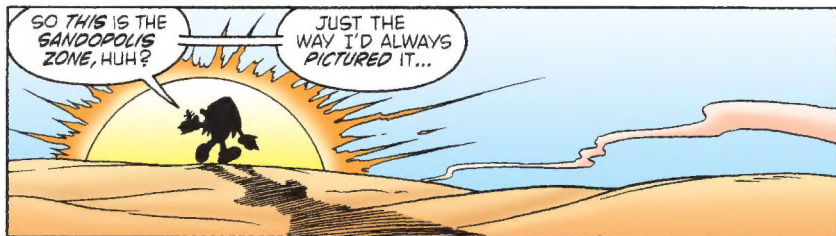
The straits are dire...

...but Knuckles is not alone.

At his side stands ARCHIMEDES THE FIRE-ANT, ambassador of a race which shares a secret, symbiotic relationship with the Echinidas. A relationship dating back to the origins of the island... even though, in theory, their peoples are natural enemies!

Now confronted by a greater evil, Knuckles and this unlikely ally must apply the lessons of the PAST to the PRESENT...

...or there will be no future for ANY of them!



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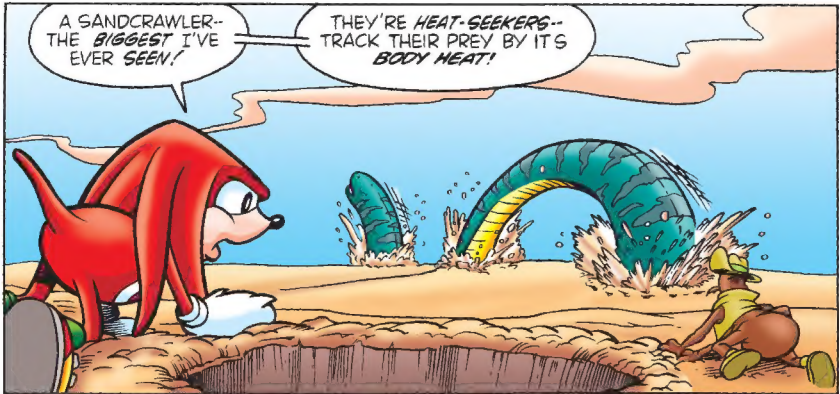
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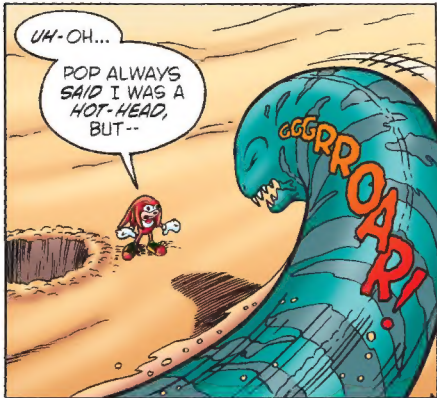
...IT DOESN'T
FIND US FIRST!

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A SANDCRAWLER--
THE **BIGGEST** I'VE
EVER SEEN!

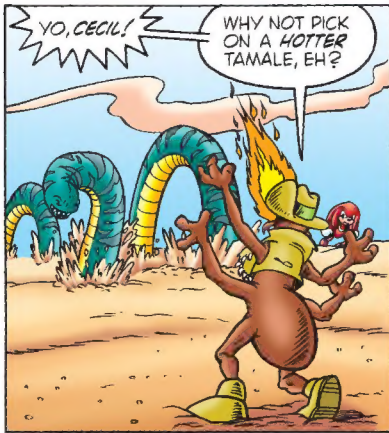
THEY'RE **HEAT-SEEKERS**--
TRACK THEIR PREY BY ITS
BODY HEAT!



UH-OH...
POP ALWAYS
SAID I WAS A
HOT-HEAD,
BUT--

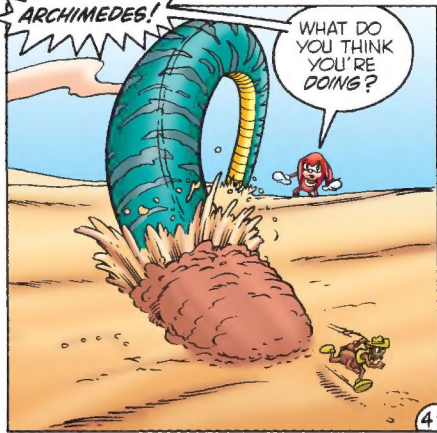


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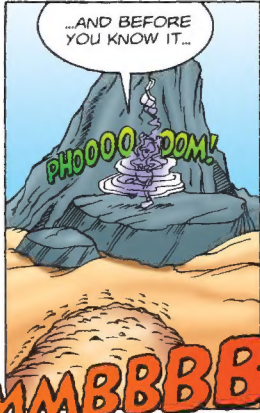
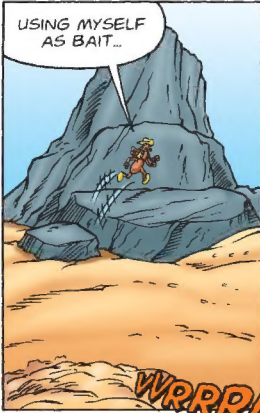
YO, CECIL!

WHY NOT PICK
ON A **HOTTER**
TAMALE, EH?

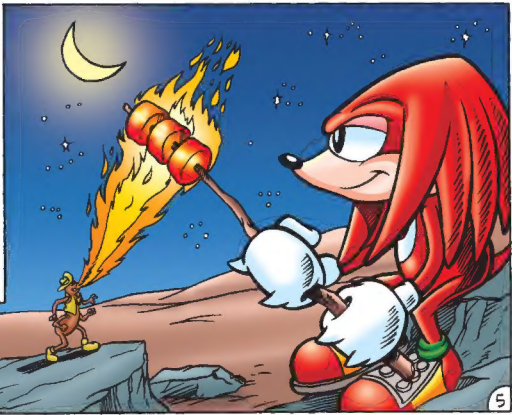
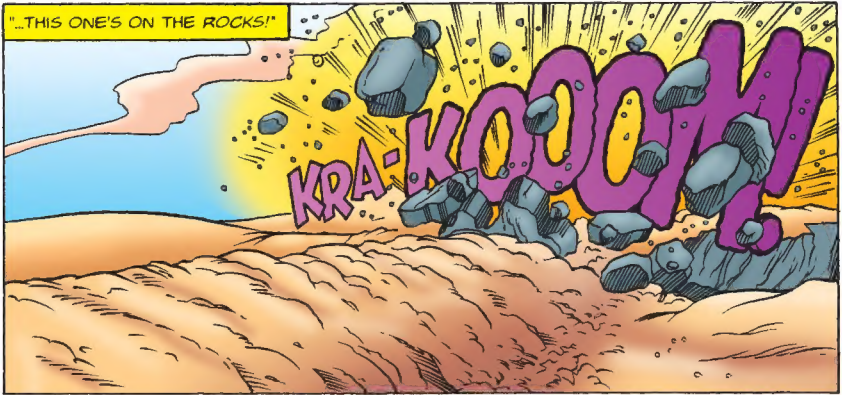


ARCHIMEDES!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?



WRRRMMBBBBLLLLL...



ARCHIMEDES?

BACK AT THE GRAND CONSERVATORY, YOU SAID YOUR PEOPLE HAD PULLED ECHIDNA FAT OUT OF THE FIRE GOING AS FAR BACK AS THE ORIGIN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

GOOD QUESTION, GUARDIAN! YOU'RE NOT AS HOPELESS AS I'D THOUGHT. IF YOU'VE LEARNED ANYTHING...

...IT'S BETTER TO LISTEN THAN TO SPEAK!

"ECHIDNA LEGENDS TELL OF A TIME WHEN OUR ISLAND WAS LAND BOUND -- AND IMPERILED BY A GREAT WHITE COMET!"

"IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT, YOUR ECHIDNA ANCESTORS HAD CONCOCTED A DARING PLAN TO SAVE THEIR CITY!"

"HOW DO I KNOW?"
"BECAUSE MY PEOPLE WERE THERE!"

"... AND DUMPED THEM..."

"THEY GATHERED CHAOS EMERALDS..."

"... INTO THE CRYSTALLINE CAVERNS BENEATH THEIR CITY!"

"THE PLAN WAS TO FOCUS THE GEN'S ENERGIES THROUGH THIS 'CHAOS CHAMBER'.. NEGATE THE FORCE OF GRAVITY..."

↑
PATH OF ESCAPE

↓
FLIGHT PATH OF COMET

"... AND PHYSICALLY UPLIFT ECHIDNAOPOLIS OUT OF HARM'S WAY!"

"AN INSPIRING PLAN--ONE WHICH MIGHT NEVER HAVE WORKED..."

"... IF WE FIRE ANTS HADN'T PERFORMED THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY!*"

"MY ANCESTORS GRANTED OUR ISLAND THE FREEDOM OF THE SKIES... A FREEDOM IT ENJOYS TO THIS VERY DAY!"

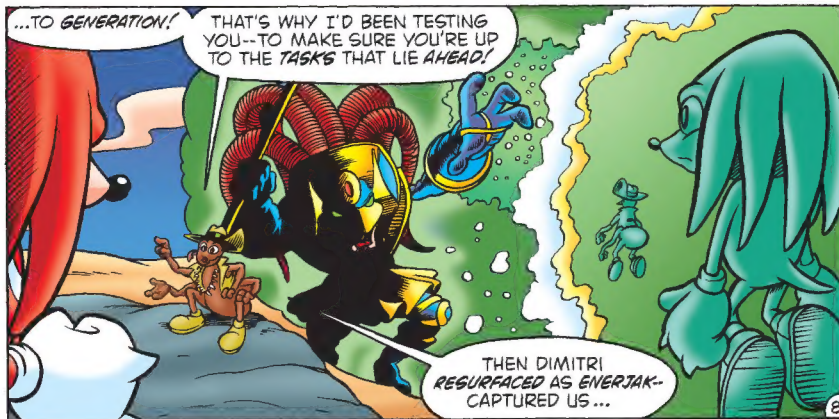
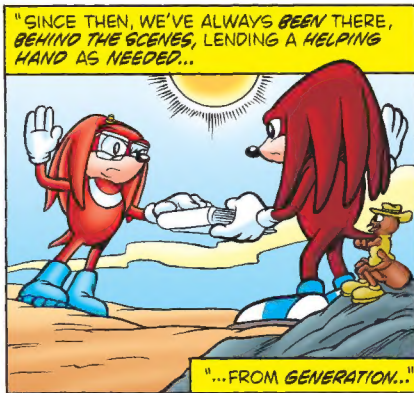
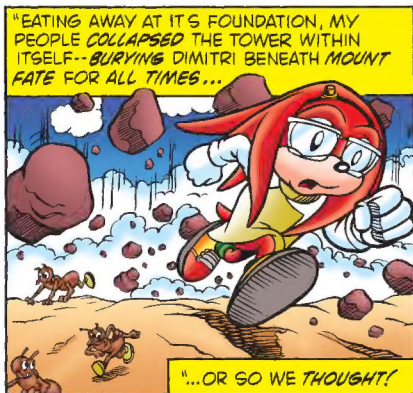
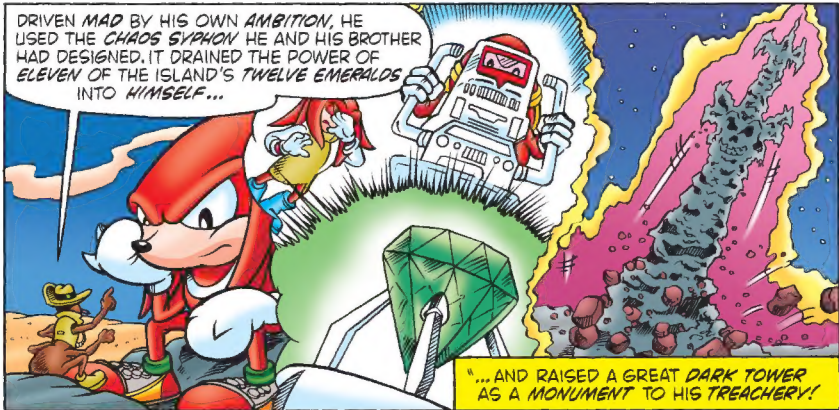
* SEE "A SENSE OF HISTORY" IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 9 IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE US!

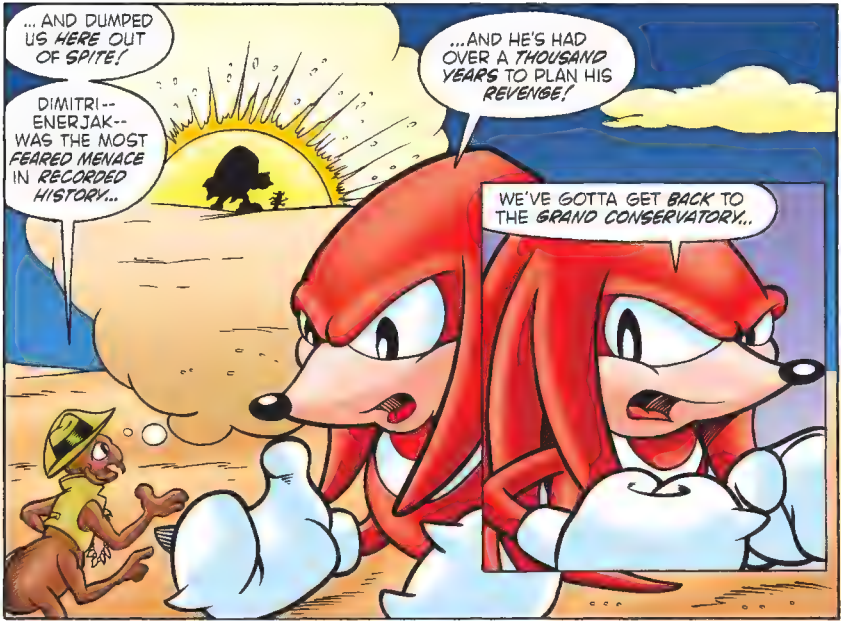
"NOT THE FIRST TIME WE'D SAVED ECHIDNA BACON..."

"... OR THE LAST." DECADES LATER, TECHNOLOGISTS EDMUND AND DIMITRI DEvised A METHOD TO RETURN THIS ISLAND TO THE GROUND!"

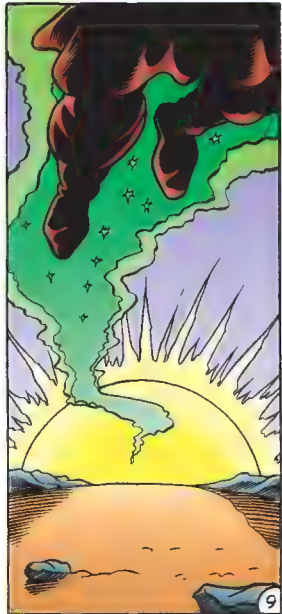
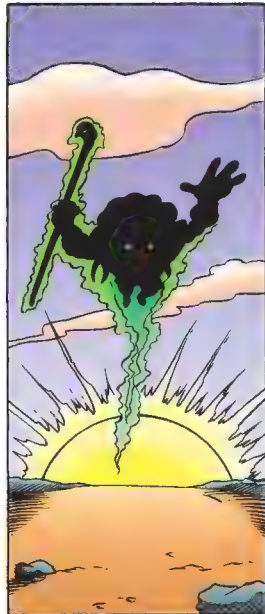
"THE SCIENTIFIC ELITE THOUGHT IT TOO DANGEROUS TO TRY..."

... BUT THAT ONLY SERVED TO GOAD THE POWER HUNGRY AND UNSTABLE DIMITRI FURTHER!





"... BEFORE HE SETS THOSE PLANS IN MOTION!"





EXCELLENT!

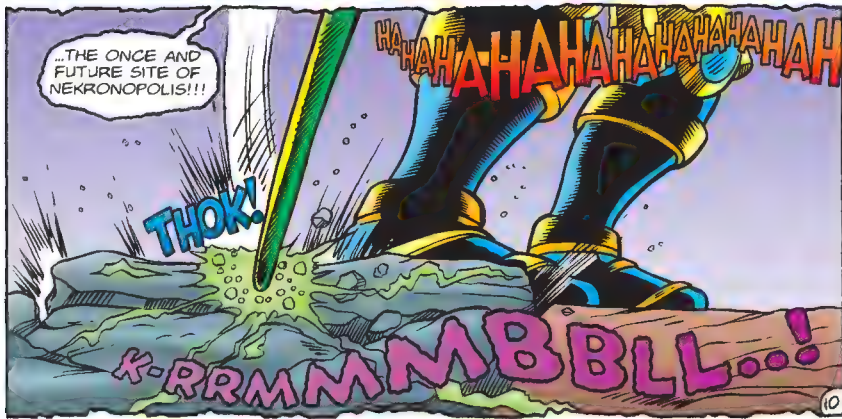
WITH THE GUARDIAN
AND THE FIRE-ANT
DISPATCHED...

... AND THEIR ALLIES, THE APTLY-
NAMED CHAOTIK--" INDISPOSED!..

...I MAY EFFECT
MY HOMECOMING
UNDISTURBED!

AT LONG,
LONG LAST--THE
FORMER SITE OF
ECHIDNAOPOLIS!

OR SHOULD
I SAY...



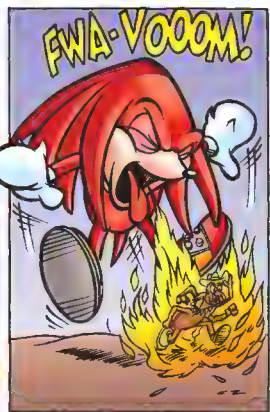
...THE ONCE AND
FUTURE SITE OF
NEKRONOPOLIS!!!

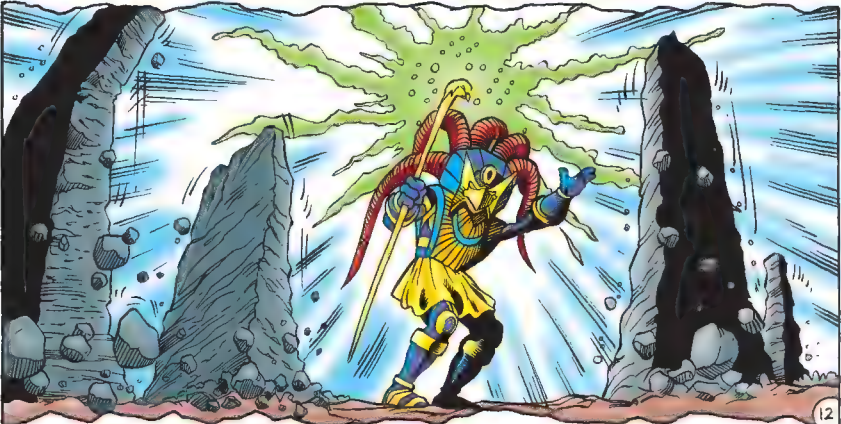
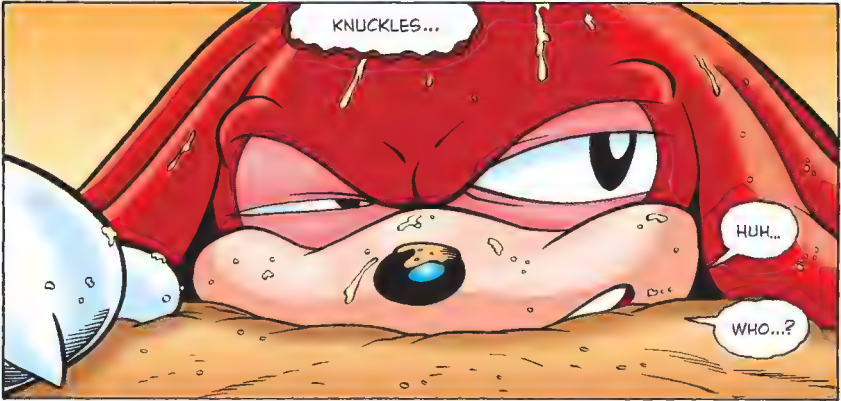
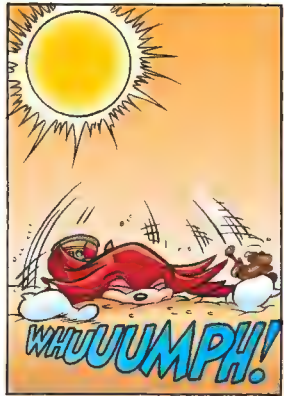
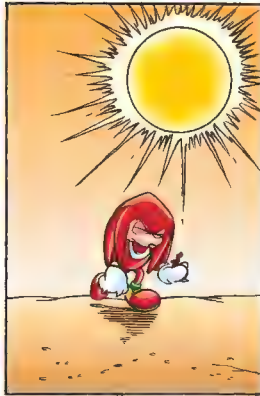
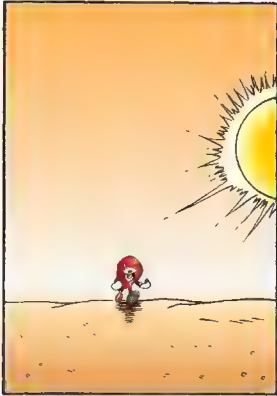
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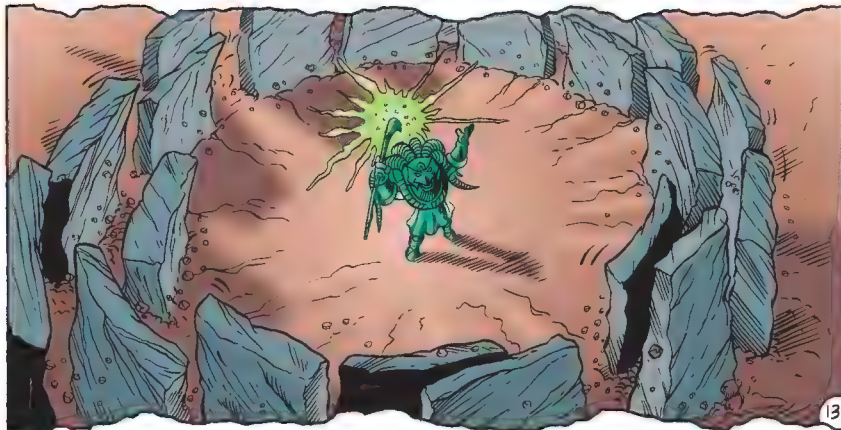
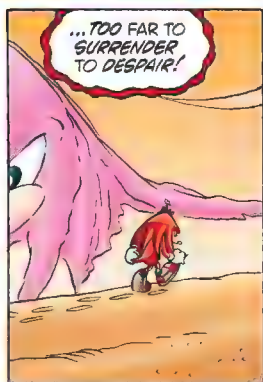
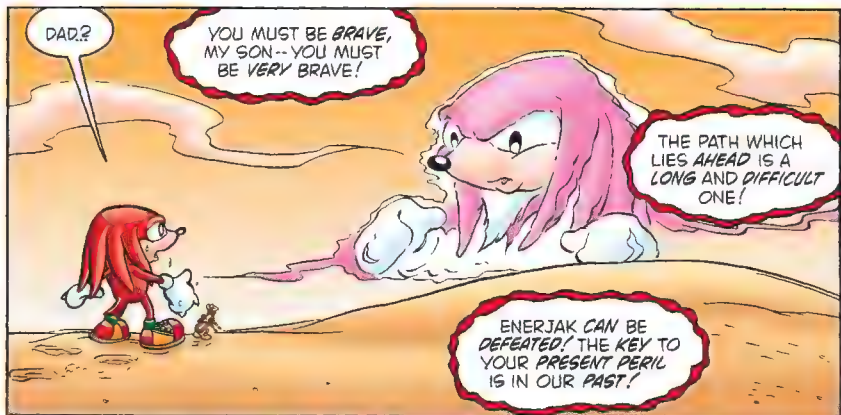
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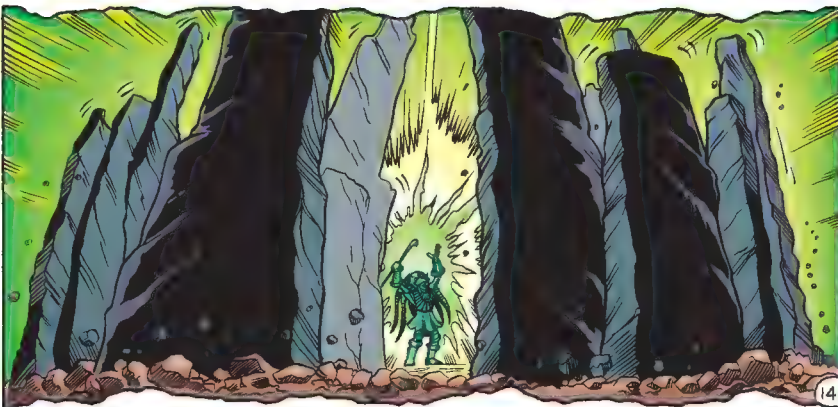
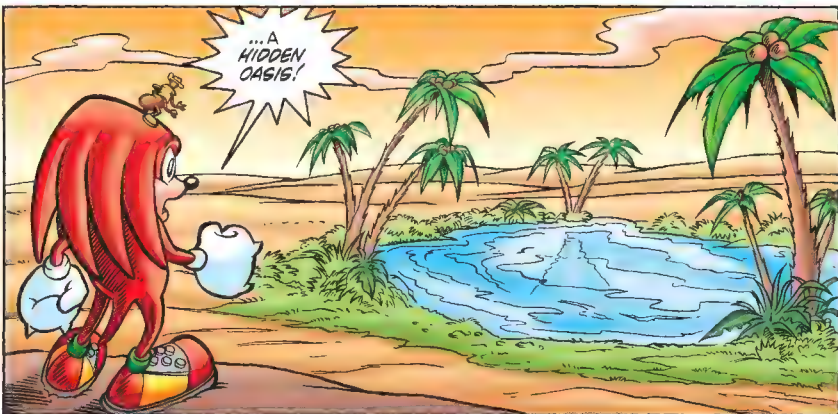
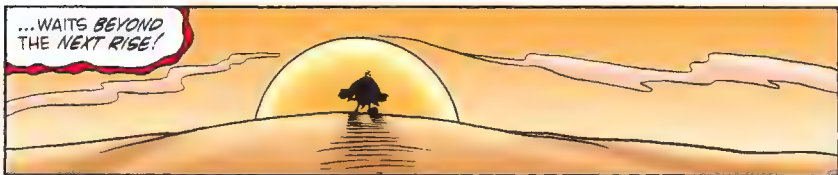
K-RRMMBBLL...!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

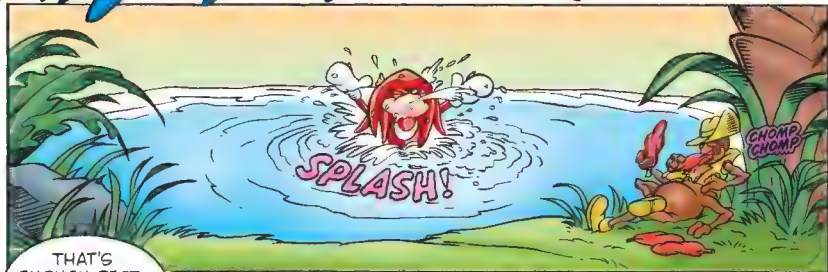




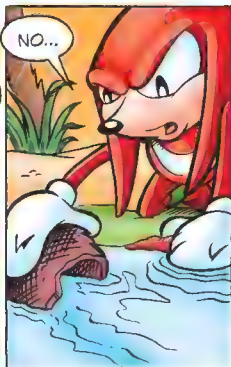




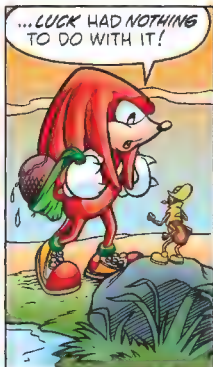
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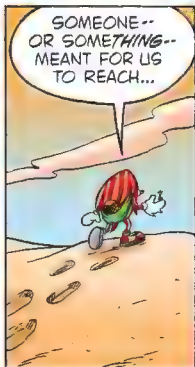
THAT'S ENOUGH REST AND RECREATION FOR ONE DAY, GUARDIAN!
WE WERE LUCKY TO FIND THIS PLACE!



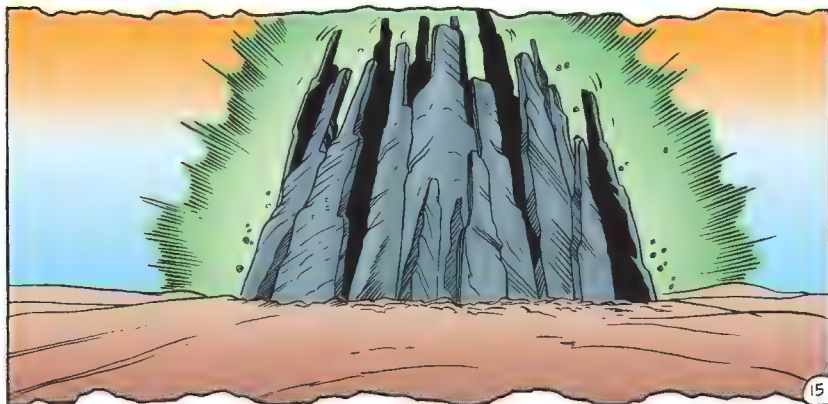
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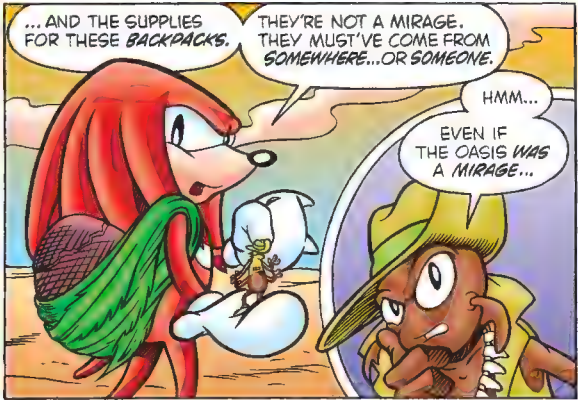
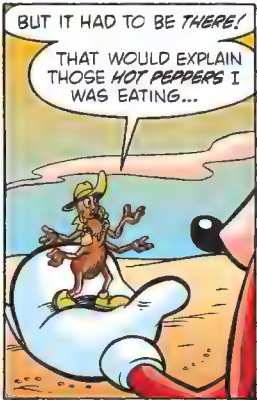
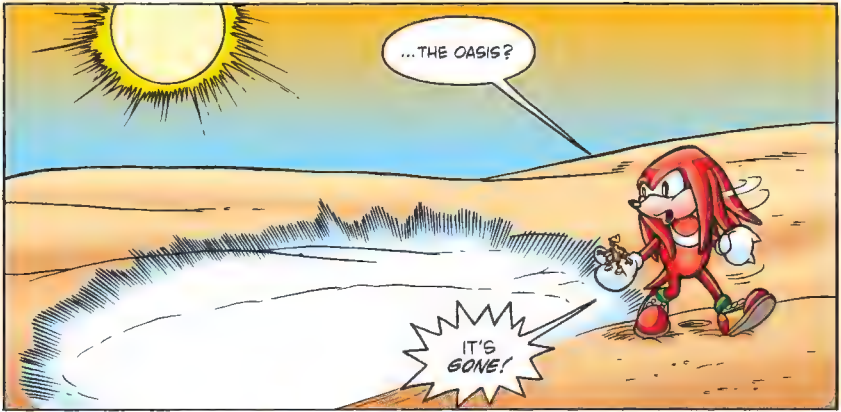


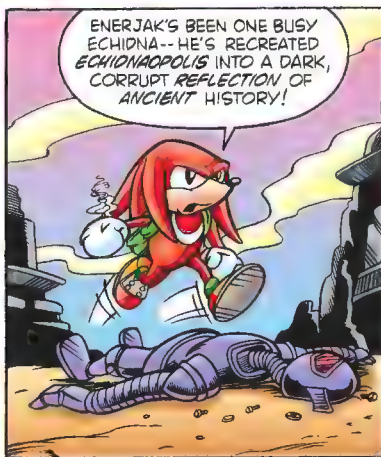
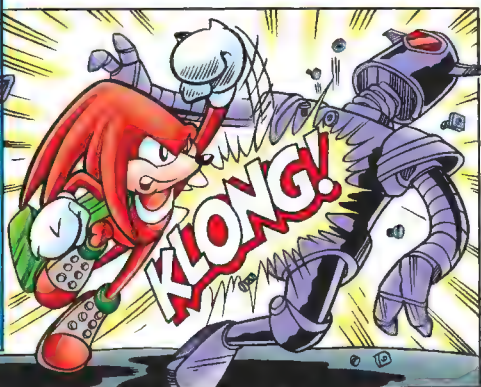
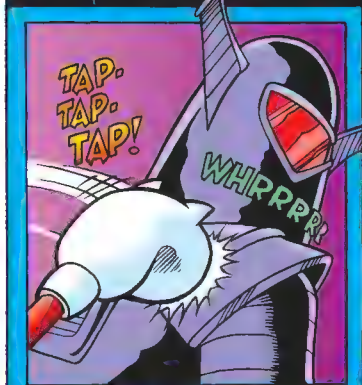
...LUCK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!



SOMEONE-- OR SOMETHING-- MEANT FOR US TO REACH...



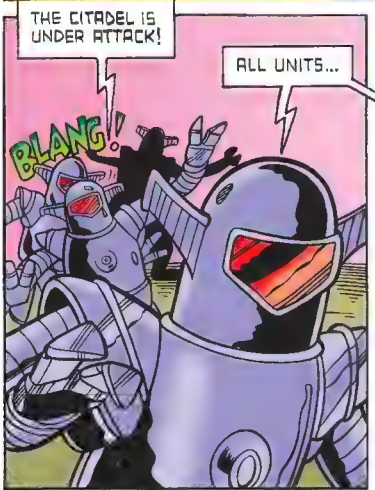
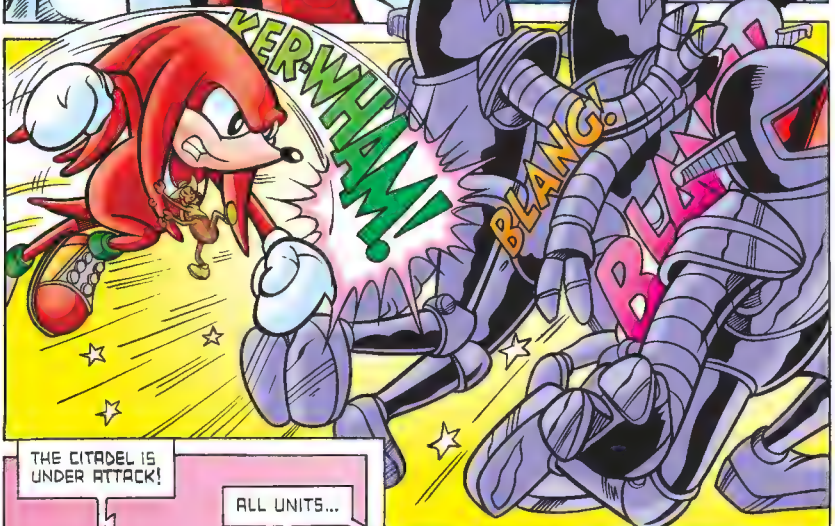
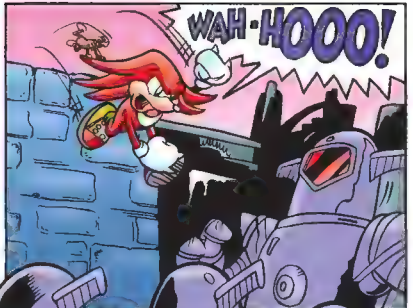
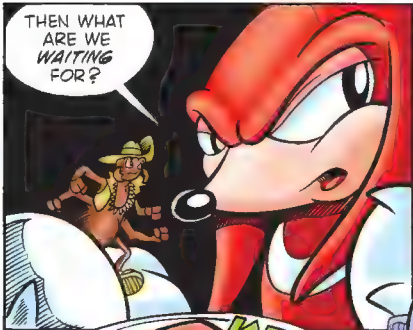


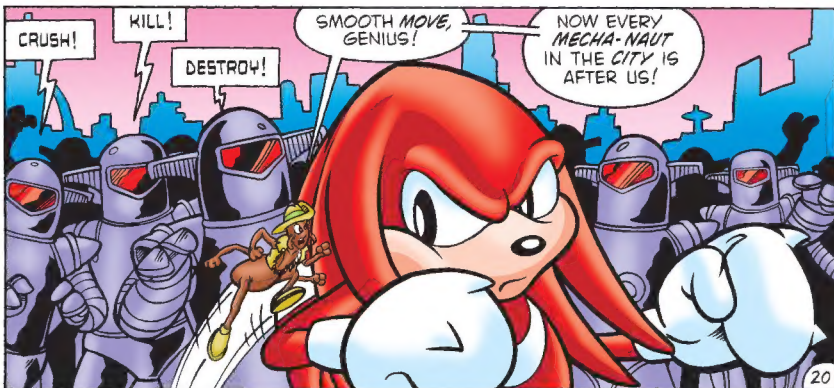
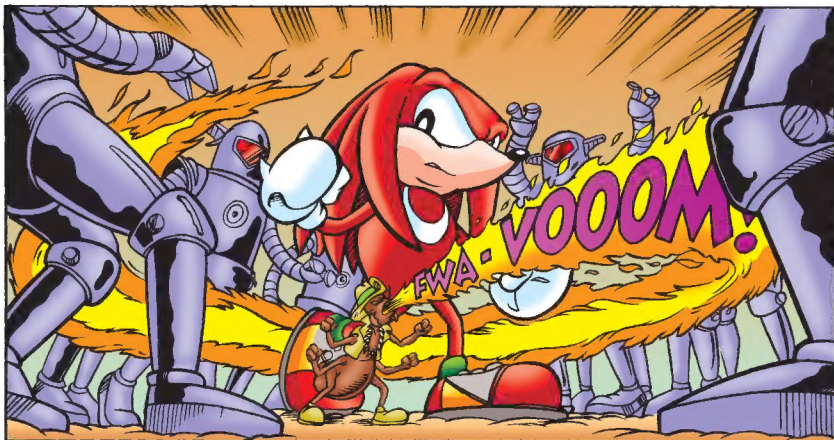
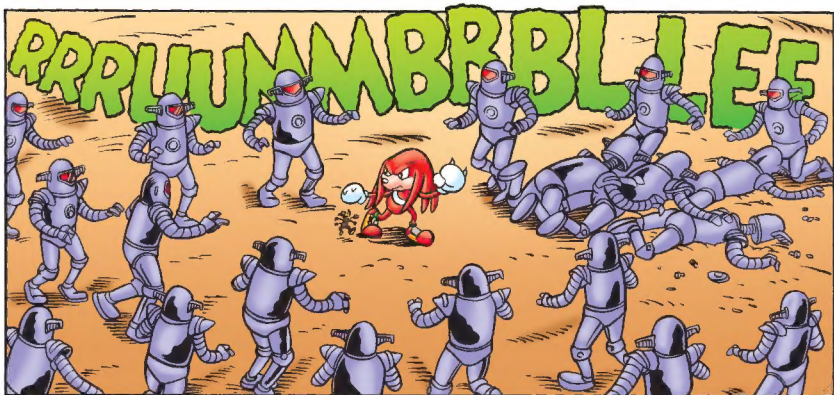


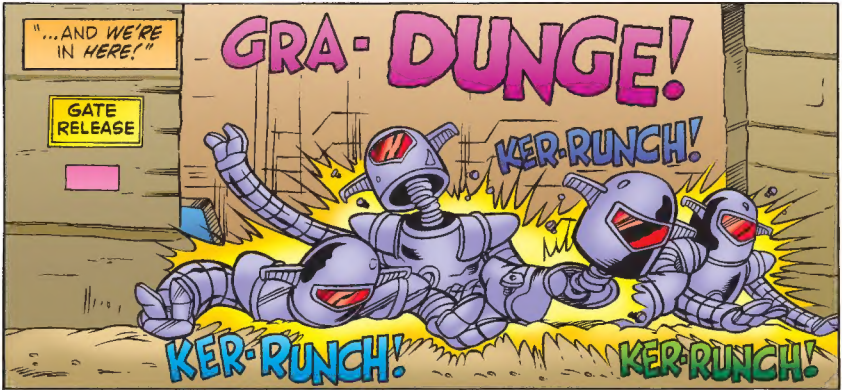
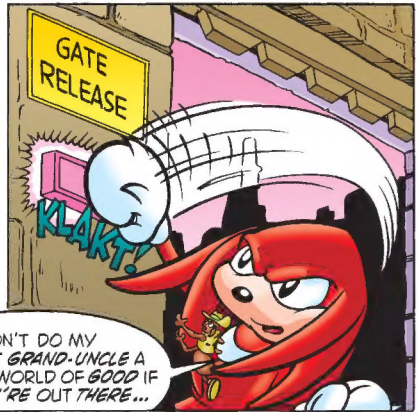
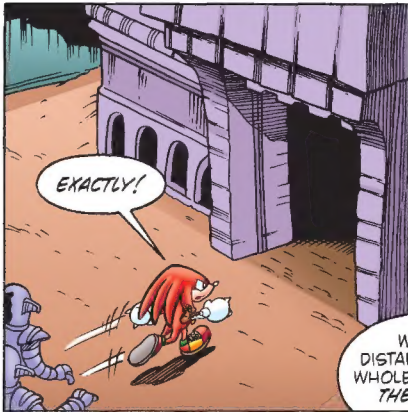


YO-EEE-OH... EEEE-YO-OH... EI

...ENERJAK'S
CITADEL!



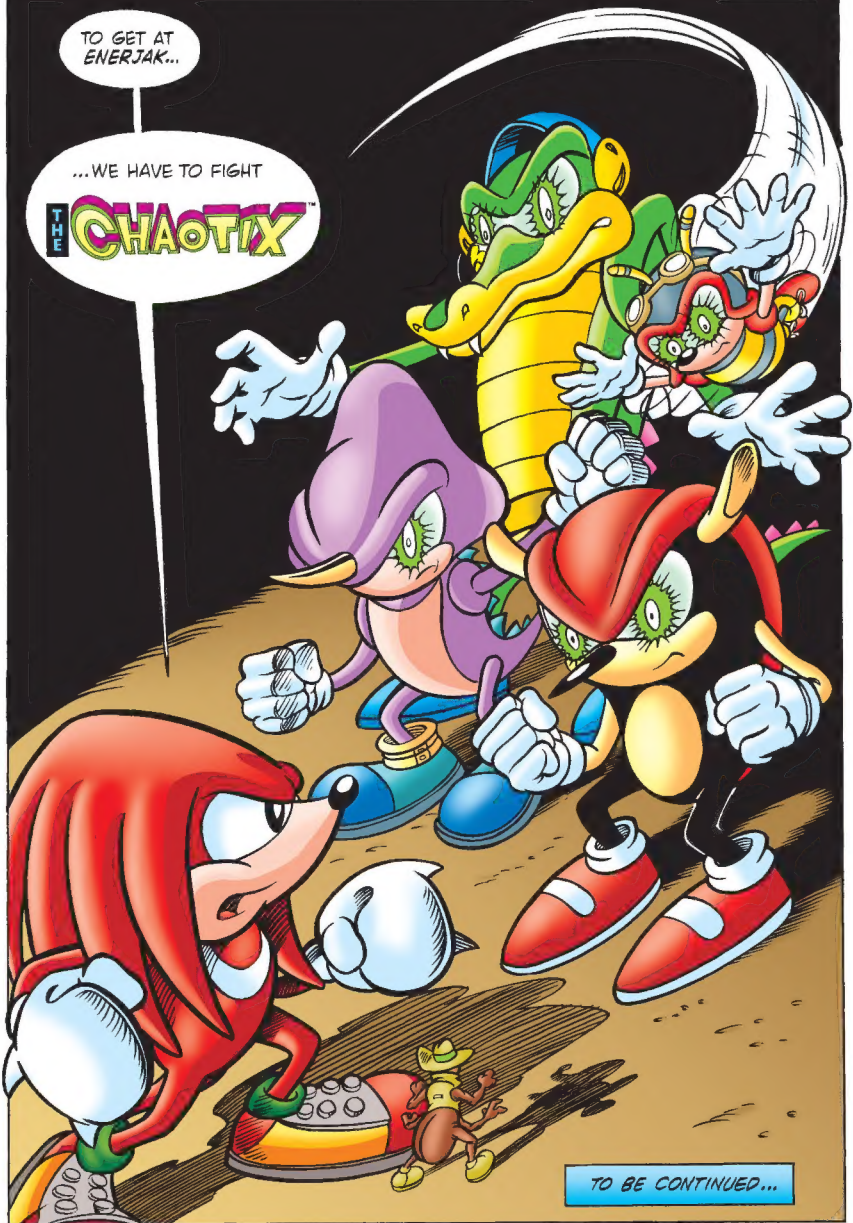




TO GET AT
ENERJAK...

...WE HAVE TO FIGHT

THE **CHAOTIX**



TO BE CONTINUED...